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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 15-25 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 November 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 13 and 15 – 25 have been presented for examination.

Election / Restrictions

2. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct claimed inventions. Restriction to one of the following invention is required under 35 U.S.C 121:

- I. Claims 1 – 12 drawn to a method for downloading the data text from a electronic library into an electronic book viewer upon comparing (i.e. authenticating) the unique key associated with data text of an electronic book to the unique key identifying the electronic viewer without user input of an identifier of the user in the library, classified in class 713, subclass 155.
- II. Claims 13 and 15 – 20 drawn to a method for transmitting a purchase order of an electronic book from the electronic library to a remote operations center and uploading a data file from a remote operations center into an electronic library, classified in class 726, subclass 6.
- III. Claims 21 – 25 drawn to a method for inserting a data text into a video signal from a remote operation center to the library,

decrypting and decompressing of an electronic book from an electronic viewer for copy protection using video cryptography, classified in class 380, subclass 201.

3. Inventions I, II and III are related as combination and subcombination disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombination is distinct from the combination if it is shown to be separately usable. The following case instant:

Invention I provides a method for downloading the data text from a electronic library into an electronic book viewer by comparing (i.e. authenticating) the unique key associated with data text of an electronic book to the unique key identifying the electronic viewer without user input of an identifier of the user in the library (i.e. server provides computer authentication).

Invention II provides a method for transmitting a purchase order of an electronic book from the electronic library to a remote operations center and uploading a data file from a remote operations center into an electronic library for the purpose of network usage managements.

Invention III provides a method inserting a data text into a video signal from a remote operation center to the library, decrypting and decompressing of an electronic book from an electronic viewer for data processing protection with tamper resistant (i.e. copy protection using video cryptography).

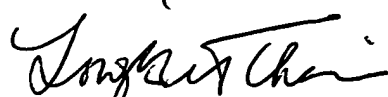
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4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purpose as indicated is proper.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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